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A Mask of Hypocrisy.

A correspondent writing from Quiet

Dell, W. Va., makes some very pertinent observations in connection with the agitation for a non-partisan su-preme court. He calls attention to the fact that when the Democratic party was in full power in the state the wisdom of the scheme never suggested itself. This is true, and we are anxious to know whether this sudden solicitude for an impartial judiciary on the part of the Democrats is a sign of improvement in the body politic, or whether it is another evidence of the conspicuous impudence for which the party in this state has been noted.

In all its history there has not been

one gleam of hope as to the sincerity of its professions of fair play. Its desperate and successful fight in defeating the will of the people by cheating General Goff out of the governorship, and its more recent and atroclously corrupt practices in disturbing the properly elected legislative delegates in Taylor and Monroe counties do not inspire the people with any confidence in its advo cacy of a non-partisan supreme court.

It seems to us that it is an anticipatory slur on the honesty of a court that will in all probability be composed of Republicans. If a Democratic court is acknowledged to have dispensed a fair article of justice, we do not see why the ability of able Republicans should be questioned under the circumstances. The Democratic party is very sly, and, like the Greeks, its motives are treacherous when it makes a display of lib erality that is foreign to its nature. It is more like a death-bed repentance It knows it is doomed, but it wants to get as much salvation as possible before it passes away.

A Streak of Inconsistency. Yesterday the Intelligencer quoted some expressions of southern Democratic leaders favorable to the expansion policy of the administration, and we are insistent in regard to the matter because it goes to show that that section of the country is not in accord with the reputed national leader of the party-William Jennings Bryan. A traveling man in an interview in the Washington Post-we give his name, G. M. Currie, of New York, so that he may not be suspected of being a man of straw-speaking of the address delivered at Buffalo the other day by Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, said: "My business causes me to travel in nearly every southern state, and it is in strict accord with the truth jority of the intelligent people of that section are in favor of holding on to our possessions in the east. They look at the question from a business standpoint, and argue that an extension of our Oriental trade is bound to benefit the cotton planters and manufacturers of the south. But in addition to the commercial argument they do not take stock in the Atkinsonian idea that we should abandon the Philippines to the natives after the expenditure of so much treasure and the loss of so many Editor Howell voiced the real sentiment of his countrymen in eloquent English, and on this question he represents them far more accurately than their political idol, Col. W. J.

The Washington Post, admitting the truth of these reflections, points out, however, a noticeable inconsistency in the southern friends of expansion, and it comes in pat with the foregone conclusion that Bryan will be renominated and the Chicago platform reaffirmed. It says: "If the southern people are so wedded to expansion, and so distinctly its beneficiaries, why do southern publicists and newspapers unite in opposing the party whose policy makes expansion possible? Why do they applaud and support with all their energy the men who oppose expansion, and who, if they had their way, would obliterate the conditions under which the south is now reveling in prosperity? It is all very well for gentlemen to issue proclamations or deliver powerful addresses lauding a policy which enriches them, but it is neither beautiful nor consistent for those same gentlemen to antagon ise politically the authors of that policy and to fervently advocate its implaca-

It seems to us that if our southern friends are getting rich on expansion, they can ill-afford to defeat the party

of expansion. That, from our point of bre, containing nothing but large view, is paying much too high a price for sentiment."

New York's Shame.

We doubt very much if the report of the Maset investigating committee, which pried into the corrupt practices Tammarly in the government of New York city's affairs, will have any ap-preciable effect on the people of that misgoverned city, or result in the institution of any reforms. The citizens of America's greatest city appear to be callous and indifferent and accept Cro-ker's rule as a matter of course. It is a sad commentary on the public morals of Gotham. They do not seem to care how much the Tammany boss filches from the public treasury so long as he does not extend his "financial operations" by burglarizing their houses.

In citing the subserviency of the city departments to the "boss" the report "that Richard Croker was placed on the tax list for personal property in 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899. 1895 he was notified of an assessment of \$25,000, and on the 17th of January he swore as follows: 'I hereby swear that on the second Monday of January last the value of my personal property, bank shares, subject taxation did not exceed \$---, Richard The testimony of Principal Tax Deputy Bell shows that Mr. Croker's house, 5 East Seventy-fourth street, had been reduced in assessable value from \$45,000 to \$40,000, while all but the immediately adjoining houses remained at their original valuation, and that subsequently \$4,000 had been added, leaving the house still \$1,000 less than its original valuation. The house in which district leader and Police Commissioner Sexton resides, was also reduced \$1,000 in value, and the testimony shows many similar marks of favoritism to members or friends of the organization.
"Like master, like man." Will it be

supposed that sub-leaders of this disciplined organization, who have been appointed by the mayor to commissioner-ships and other important positions at the suggestion of Mr. Croker and his associates, will disregard the principles of their combination so clearly stated by the leader and his deputy, and will fall to turn their opportunities into business advantage for the leader, themselves, and the adherents of the organization? Did they not hear from pressions that will always be reme bered, 'To the party belongs the spolls.' 'We win and we expect everyone to stand by.' 'I want to get a living.' 'I am working for my pocket all the time. "That (patronage) is a part of my profit." We want the whole business if we can get it.' 'We are giving pure organization government. my private business."

The only result of this investigation is to tell the public in an official way what it already knew to be a factthat Croker was in politics for the money that was in it, and to have the mortifying defiance flung from the witness stand, "what are you going to do about it?" It is a painful subject for the advocates of free and honest city government, and we are curious to know what the people ARE going to do about it. At present Croker has the people of New York by the throat, and we can't say that we sympathize with them to any great degree, because it is their own fault. Tweed was an amateur compared to the present Tammany

A Remarkable Funeral.

Many great men are respected while living, but few are sincerely mourned when dead. The burial of a celebrated local politician in New York last Sun day was noteworthy in many respects. He was not in any sense a great man, judged by strict standards of eminence, but in his sphere of activity he must have done well, for 10,000 people followed the hearse through a pouring rain To have inspired this tribute of affectionate remembrance he must have had a wonderful hold on their sympathies. But the secret of it all is found in the truthful eulogy of the rabbi who conducted the services, and who said: "He never deserted a friend; never violated a trust. Born of humble parents, he worked his way to the front in the affections of the people. He was an unburnished gem. He had his faults, but there is muny a poor person who will

And what are faults in comparison with such humanitarian virtues. There is true greatness in the man who lives in the hearts of the people rather than in the cold and analytical sanctuaries of their minds.

West Virginia is taking the lead in other things besides the production of coal, coke and oil. Educationally she is close to the front rank. In the fig-ures given by the national commissioner of education of the percentage of school enrollment of the public schools, West Virginia is only a few decimal points behind the state at the head of the list, Kansas. The percentage is Kansas, 27.86; West Virginia 27.27, Of the great divisions of the country the south central comes first with 22.03 per cent, and the south Atlantic division is a good third, with 21.63 per cent. The old slave states are plainly not behind the northwest in their comprehension of the necessity of education, and both surpass in that respect the north Atwhich has only 17.85 per cent of the population in school.

Now we ought to be happy. American mules purchased for service in the British army have been pro-nounced far more serviceable than the best trained Spanish animals. From this we infer that it was the Spanish mule that stampeded.

Bryan wants to be a three-ply candidate. He favors the assembling of the Populist, Silver Republicans and Democrats at the same time and his simul-taneous nomination by the three as-

The seismic shudder on the Pacific coast on Christmas was some shakes as an earthquake.

The Christmas editorials of the Democratic papers were appallingly som-

chunks of gloom. Santa Claus had nothing for them.

the city in general, lost a good citizen in the death yesterday, of Mr. Joseph A. Arkle. He was a veteran of the The poor old 50 cent Democracy in

The Eighth ward in particular, and

groping around for some issues to make a campaign upon, don't know where "they are at!"

Winston Churchill borrowed a volume from a Pretoria library entitled "Mills on Liberty"-and then escaped.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

For that tired feeling take a street

A remark carelessly dropped doesn't always fall flat. Learn to do with diligence what you would do with ease.

In silence danger is concealed. Women are seldom dangerous. Unless a man has some knowledge of figures he doesn't count.

When a tall man finds himself short he is naturally embarrassed.

The widow's mite is used too often as an excuse for small contributions.

A man must feel awfully upset when he finds himself head over heels in love.

It is easy to discourage a man who realizes that he isnt' entitled to anything. Don't seek to know too much. That was where Mother Eve made her great mistake.

The one trouble with a lot of poets is they are unable to make the feet lock-

No matter how careful a woman may be she invariably loses her name at the

be she invarianty loses nor name at the marriage attar.

Two persons may be able to live as cheaply as one after they are married—but they can't do it while engaged.

It was an Irish philosopher who said

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

The more sensible a woman is the nore she hates to have a man give her sensible presents.

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A woman may keep from telling a man a secret, but she can never keep from telling him that she has got one that she won't tell him.

A man is said to make a woman a good husband when he gives her for Christmas a lot of things that she has told him she needs around the house.

A woman can carry around more

A woman can carry around more things in one must that she has to put her hands in, too, than a man can in all his fourteen pockets, counting his hip pockets and both coat tails.

Every Christmas a lot of men have to explain to their little children that Santa Claus is always so busy earning money to buy folks presents that he can't afford to have a wife.—New York Press.

The Non-Partisan Cry.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer. -I am heartly in accord with the SIR:—I am nearthy in accord with the supreme court of appeals. A non-partisan court would sound well to the Democrates of this state. Had a Democratic baper advocated such a thing a few years ago it would have been read out of the party. We remember when there was nothing of a non-partisan nature. You could not find an assistant teacher in any of the normal schools whose faith was that of a Republican, much less a principal. All were Democratic. A Republican was not competent to stand at the head of our normal schools from a Democratic point of view. But when the Republicans came into power the men who ruled were broad-minded and big-hearted, and today you can find principals and assistant teachers whose faith is Democratic in our normal schools. We think they should have a dose of their own medicine, so let us nominate a full Republican ticket, without any compromise on this line, and elect it by 20,000 majority. We can do it.

Quiet Dell, W. Va. Republican of Grafton in regard to the

enorus."

Moral:—There are heaps of people in this world who are like the Frog. The only trouble is that they do not pause a

Uncle Russell's Verdict.

Chicago Record: Jay Gould was one of the first to adopt an apparatus by which the speed of a train can be regwhich the speed of a train can be reg-istered, and shortly after it was placed in his private car Russell Sage was making a journey with him, and in-quired what it was. Gould explained the mechanism and usefulness of the machine with great care. Sage was al-lent for a moment, and then looking up inquired.

ient for a moment, and then tooking as inquired:
"Does it earn anything?"
"No, I think not," said Gould with a smile.
"Does it save anything?"
"No."
"Then I would not have it in my car."

A Thermometer 150 Years Old. Beaver (Pa.) State: W. J. Cunning-

ham, druggist, of Beaver Falls, has in his show window a thermometer that is his show window a thermometer that is fully 150 years old, and, as Mr. Cunningham, says "keeps good time yet." The thermometer was brought from Paris, France, in 1802. It is made of hammered brass, and is dark with age. It is in the shape of a lighthouse set on a rocky promontory made of hammered brass. On the rocks at the base sit two water fowls on plyots, that are supposed to turn as the weather changes from hot to cold. They do not do that now, having long ceased to perform that function. The whole affair is about seven inches high.

It's right to paddle one's own cance We all agree, my brothers; But I know some folks, and so do you, Who seek to have their whole lives through

Their paddling done by others.
--Eillott's Magazine.

Prosperity for 1900.

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all the evidences of diseased heart, diseased liver or kidneys, or disease in aome other organ.
The inexperienced practitioner treats the wrong disease and hence the constant statement of Dr. Plancy comments. Dr. Pierce's correspondents: "Doc-tors could not help

Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Golden Medical Discovery cures disease of the stomach and or-gans of digestion and nutrition. It increases the as-similative powers, and purifies and enriches the blood. When diseases of organs remote organs remote from the stomach are caused by the nach, the of the st nach reof the stomach re-sults in the cure of the other dis-eases, in heart, lungs, liver, kid-

neys, etc.

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TWO MEAN TOWNS.

What They Did For Their Injured Citizens.

Chicago Times-Herald: "The meanest place I ever was in," said the man who travels for a liquor house, "is down in Massachusetts. Say, do you know what happened while I was stopping there in the sidewalk and sustained injuries that resulted in the loss of the use of his right arm. He sued the city for damages, and the case was tried before a jury which the papers said was com

damages, and the case was tried before a jury which the papers said was composed of representative citizens. Now, what do you suppose they did to him? Brought in a verdict in favor of the city, holding that inasmuch as he was left-handed his injury didn't amount to anything."

"Yes," said the cigar man, "that's a pretty mean town, I admit, but I know of a worse one. This place is in Pennsylvania. An acquaintance of mins down there, was injured some time ago in pretty much the same way the man you mentioned got hurt. He fell on a bad sidewalk and lost one of his legs. He sued the city, and didn't get anything. I never heard just why, but probably because the jurors didn't believe he needed more than one leg in his business, seeing that he was a barber, and couldn't horse a razor or shave a man with his foot anyway. Being a poor man he couldn't afford to buy a cork leg, so he had to get along with a wooden peg, and one day while he was crossing the pricipal street this peg in some way got wedged between a couple of paving blocks right in the middle of the street car track. It took them nearly an hour to get him loose, and what do you suppose happened then? Blamed if they didn't fine him \$10 and costs for obstructing traffic." Don't miss it. Company stronger than ever. New specialties by Delia Stacey.

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Quiet Dell, W. Va.

A Fable.

Indianapolis News: Once upon a time a Frog sat upon the bank of a pond and croaked and bellowed all night. As he croaked and bellowed all night. As he croaked and bellowed he communed with himself, and his thought was:

"I must sing with all my might, for, see, the whole world is listening to me. I can hear no other sound but the sound of my singing."

Presently the Frog paused a moment, and he then found that all the other Frogs were singing as loudly as he himself, while the Katydids in the trees were working overtime. Then the Frog thought again:

"It would seem that I am not playing a star part, but am simply one of the chorus."

Moral:—There are heaps of people in this world who are like the Frog. The

Lunnon Improved Him.

Chicago Times-Herald: "They say, said the man who has to work for his living, "that the person who is dissatisfied here has only to go abroad in order to gain a good opinion of his country. "Yaas," replied Alsy, "I used to we-gehd this as a beastly countwy, don't you know, but ovah in Lunnon I heahd it pwaised so much that I got to be a weal demd patwiot, don't you know,"

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